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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director  
Cal-Fed Bay-Delta Program  
1100 Main St., Suite 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie:


I am writing to you today to express my concern that the comment period for the final EIR released July 21, 2000 for the Cal-Fed plan is far too short. I find it hard to understand how years of continuous input can be reviewed in just one month's time.

My husband and I are farmers in Butte County. At this point, we are looking forward to expanding our operation to include our children when they come of age. I also am the Parts Manager at a local agricultural equipment dealership. My customers, as well as my family's farms are the life blood of our community.

A reduction in land coupled with a deficient water supply not only spells disaster for farmers today, but could well be the hurdle that keeps our children from continuing the family farm for future generations. I not only see the worry at home, but also at the office. I see the worry in my customer's eyes.

My family and I work very hard to provide a sensible balance between the farm and the environment. We provide a healthy habitat for water fowl, upland game and a host of other species. My customers do the same. In fact there are many customers, who live in "town", that use the recreational / utility vehicles the dealership offers to enjoy and promote the very same habitat.

Mr. Ritchie, at this point, do not allow a sense of slow development to rush a diminished program through. California must take a look at the efforts put forth thus far, and then determine whether it is good for the state. I urge you, once again, to extend the comment period, if not re-open hearings on the Cal-Fed Bay-Delta plan.

Sincerely,  
  
Lisa K. Gore